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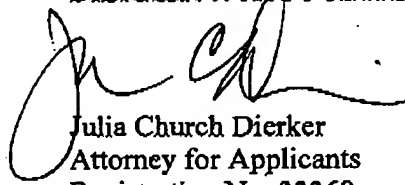
Entry of this Preliminary Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.115 before examination of the instant application is respectfully requested. It is submitted that the claims as presented herein are fully supported by the parent application as originally filed.

In summary, Claims 1-48 remain in the application. Claims 21, 28, 30, and 37 have been revised. It is submitted that, through this Amendment, Applicant's invention as set forth in these claims is in a condition suitable for allowance.

Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, she/he is cordially invited to contact Applicant's Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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